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MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL UPDATE

TO: All Mental Retardation Community Services providers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, Managed Care Organizations providing services to Virginia Medicaid recipients, and all holders of the Mental Retardation Community Services Medicaid provider manual

FROM: Patrick W. Finnerty, Director
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SUBJECT: Update to the *Mental Retardation Community Services* Provider Manual

UPDATE: MR-02-03
DATE: 12/5/2003

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of changes to Chapters IV and V of your *Mental Retardation Community Services* (MR Waiver) provider manual. The attached table shows the changes to the manual. Please download the new pages to insert in your manual and retain the attached table.

The amendment to Chapter IV replaces the old HCFA-485 form with the new CMS-485 form.

The amendments to Chapter V include (i) new rates for MR Waiver services, and (ii) billing changes related to the new MMIS. Effective January 1, 2004, national billing codes must be used on all invoices. Claims submitted with local codes with dates of service on or after January 1, 2004, will be denied. A local/national billing code crosswalk is available on the DMAS website.

Please review these changes carefully.

ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS INFORMATION

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, prior authorization, and pharmacy prescriber identification information. The website address to use to enroll for access to this system is <http://virginia.fhsc.com>. The MediCall voice response system will provide the same information and can be accessed by calling 800-884-9730 or 800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its provider manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at www.dmas.state.va.us. Refer to the Provider Column to find Medicaid and SLH provider manuals or click on "Medicaid Memos to Providers" to view Medicaid Memoranda.

The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet, or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order these by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates requested.

“HELPLINE”

The “HELPLINE” is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except State holidays, to answer questions. The “HELPLINE” numbers are:

786-6273	Richmond area
1-800-552-8627	All other areas

Please remember that the “HELPLINE” is for provider use only.

Attachment (1)

MENTAL RETARDATION COMMUNITY SERVICES MANUAL
REVISION CHART
December 5, 2003

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

MANUAL SECTION	MATERIAL REVISED	NEW PAGE NUMBER(S)	REVISED PAGE(S)	REVISION DATE
Chapter IV	"Exhibits" Section		Page 107 and page 93 of the "Exhibits" Section	12/5/03
Chapter V	Entire Chapter V		Entire Chapter V	12/5/03

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

MANUAL SECTION	DISCARD	INSERT	OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
Chapter IV	Old page 107 and old page 93 of the "Exhibits" Section	New page 107, and new page 93 of the "Exhibits" Section	
Chapter V	Old Chapter V	New Chapter V	